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1. The reply filed on November 29, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s). Applicant has indicated the election of "the species of b (claims 9-11 and 17-19)." However, the Election/Restriction of September 25, 2006 required an election of one species of (a) (i.e., an election of one of the different substrates/substrate combinations as set forth in claim 4), and one species of (b) (i.e., an election of one of the enzymes of claims 9-11 and 17-19). Thus, applicant's reply is not fully responsive because no species was elected with regard to (a), and an elected enzyme was not identified with regard to (b). Further, Applicant's reply does not identify all claims readable on the elected species, as was also required by the Election/Restriction requirement mailed September 25, 2006. See 37 CFR 1.111.


2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diana B. Johannsen whose telephone number is 571/272-0744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday, 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached on 571/272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana B. Johannsen", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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